



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND
DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, DC 20231
www.uspto.gov

JAN 14 2003

7
DW
MAILED

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW
GARRETT & DUNNER LLP
1300 I STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, DC 20005-3315

JAN 14 2003

Office of the Director
Group 3600

In re application of
Jerome Chen
Application No. 09/834,156
Filed: April 12, 2001
For: TRAVEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
UTILIZING MULTIPER COMPUTER
RESERVATION SYSTEMS (CRSs)

DECISION ON REQUEST
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
ATTORNEY

This is a decision on the request filed on November 8, 2002, under 37 CFR 1.36 and MPEP 402.06, requesting permission to withdraw as the attorney of record in the above-identified application.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**.

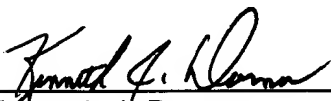
Under 37 CFR 1.36 an attorney may withdraw only upon application to and approval by the Commissioner. It should be noted that a withdrawal is effective when approved, not when filed. Besides giving due notice to his or her client and delivering to the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled as specified under 37 CFR 10.40, approval of such a request requires that the following conditions be met:

- A) Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal, or the notice must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another, because the Office does not recognize law firms;
- B) A proper reason for the withdrawal as enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40(b) or subsection (1)-(6) of 37 CFR 10.40(c) must be provided; and
- C) If withdrawal is requested in accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(c) above, there must be at least 30 days between approval of the withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply or the expiration date of the period which can be obtained by a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The request to withdraw as attorney is not accepted in the above-identified application because the request lacks conditions A) and B) above.

As to condition A), it is not clear if Debbie Segars of Sabre Inc. is withdrawing. She is listed in the original Power of Attorney but is not part of the firm of Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner. Also, the request is signed not signed by an attorney of record.

As to condition B), a reason for withdrawal has not been given.



Kenneth J. Dorner
Special Programs Examiner
Patent Technology Center 3600
(703) 308-0866
Facsimile No.: (703) 605-0586

DK/dw: 01/10/03